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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005.

2. Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.

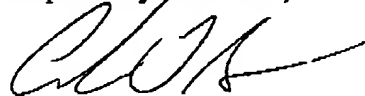
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.
☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee (\$120.00).
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